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SUBJECT: ECOSOC - PAKISTAN FLOODS

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1. WE BELIEVE SPECIAL SESSION ECOSOC PRIOR TO GA AS PROPOSED BY PAKISTAN, REPORTED REFTTEL, WILL NOT NECESSARILY LEAD TO MOST EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION UN MACHINERY FOR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO PAKISTAN FLOODS. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS UNGA AT EARLY POINT IN SESSION. HIS APPEAL FOR FURTHER RELIEF ASSISTANCE AND A CALL FOR SPECIAL GA AGENDA ITEM UNDER THAT CIRCUMSTANCE LIKELY TO DRAW FAR MORE PUBLICITY FOR PAKISTAN S PLIGHT THAN RELATIVELY LOW-KEY ECOSOC MEETING.

2. FYI: WE ALSO CONCERNED AT IMPLICATION ECOSOC DEBATE
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MAY HAVE ON POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH ASIA AREA. IN THIS REGARD, WOULD SPECIAL SESSION BE PLENARY MEETING (27 MEMBERS OF WHICH NEITHER PAKISTAN NOR INDIA ARE MEMBERS) OR SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING (54 MEMBERS, INCLUDING BOTH

PAKISTAN AND INDIA)? IN ADDITION, GIVEN FACT THAT 20-25
MAJOR DISASTERS OCCUR EACH YEAR, THIS SPECIAL SESSION COULD
SET UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ECOSOC ACTION. RUSH

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